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July 24, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RADAR SPEED ENFORCEMENT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Adopt an Order instructing Public Works to coordinate with the California Highway Patrol to implement radar speed enforcement on Colima Road between Brea Canyon Cutoff and the County/City of Diamond Bar boundary in the unincorporated Walnut area.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Our investigation has verified that a significant amount of traffic on this route in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles area is exceeding the 45-mph speed limit established for Colima Road. High-speed surveillance and pursuit exposes the offender, law enforcement personnel, and the general public to increased accident potential. The use of radar will significantly reduce accident potential.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since radar speed enforcement significantly reduces speeding and accident potential caused by high-speed surveillance and pursuit and, therefore, will improve the quality of life in the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Not applicable.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On March 31, 1987, your Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Highway Patrol for the expanded use of radar enforcement within the unincorporated County of Los Angeles area. The Memorandum of Understanding was revised and approved as an agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the California Highway Patrol by your Board on October 5, 1993. A key provision of the agreement requires the use of radar on any additional routes be subject to mutual approval by the County of Los Angeles and the California Highway Patrol. The proposed recommendation for the use of radar on this route is in conformance with this provision of the 1993 agreement.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The establishment of radar enforcement, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt under Class 1-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Not applicable.

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**CONCLUSION**

At such time as this recommendation may be approved, please return one copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel